

separately or in any permissible combination, that would teach or suggest converting the magnitude of the amplitude of the high frequency component based on information concerning the pixel value of the image and information concerning the gradation conversion curve.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue of the present divisional application are respectfully requested.

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

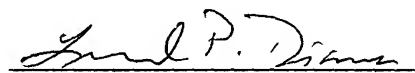
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

The information listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form was cited in the parent of the present divisional application, Application No. 09/557,316, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that the information listed on the form PTO-1449 has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of same to Applicant's attorneys of record.

CONCLUSION

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		2663189	6/20/97	Japan			No
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		6-46409	6/15/94	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Anan et al., Journal of Japanese Society of Radiological Tech., Vol. 45, No. 8, August 1989, p. 1030.

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